



# THE SAFETY PEAK

2017 FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER OF  
**OSHA's DENVER FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL**

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**DFSHC Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2017**  
**1:00 p.m.**



This quarter's training will be provided by Brad G. Baptiste. Brad has served as the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Manager for OSHA in Region VIII since June of 2004. Region VIII includes the States of North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. Brad has been with OSHA since 1991. He has served as an Industrial Hygienist, a Safety Compliance Officer, and as a Team Leader in area enforcement offices.

Brad received a BS in Biology from Texas Christian University and a Masters in Public Administration from Louisiana State University. In addition to his passion for employee safety and health, Brad enjoys spending time with his wife and two children especially if it involves camping, fly fishing, archery or golf.

Brad will be teaching about OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. The training will be conducted at the National Park Service Building in Lakewood. There is visitor parking in front but if that is full visitors can park elsewhere in the parking lot. There is usually plenty of room (barring a snow storm that seems to "steal" some of the spaces. The entrance is not on Alameda Parkway, it is on the other side of the building. The address is 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228.

Enter through the main front door on the west side by the flag pole and check in with security. You will need identification. Government IDs are helpful, otherwise a driver's license will do.

We will be downstairs in conference room 10A. Take the elevator down from the lobby and turn in the direction of the hallway with carpeting (the other direction is tiled). Almost to the end of the hall on the right you will see the conference rooms. Special thanks to our host, Liz Yellstrom, who made the facility available.

## **DENVER FEDERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL RECEIVES AWARD FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

OSHA has determined recipients of the Federal Field Safety and Health Councils (FFSHCs) awards for 2015. These awards recognize 2015 FFSHC activities that promote the advancement of occupational safety and health in the federal government and supports OSHA's federal agency program initiatives.

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**COUNCIL AWARD** (Continued from previous page.) For the second consecutive year the Denver Federal Safety and Health Council was chosen from among 35 active FFSHCs, receiving *Notable Recognition* (third place) in Category 1, (FFSHCs serving an area with a federal employee population exceeding 24,000). Pictured in the left photo, from left to right, are Jim Behrmann, Council Chair, Bill Otto, Vice Chair and Greg Baxter, OSHA Region VIII Regional Administrator. Pictured in the right photo, from left to right, are Bruce Sanford, Council Secretary; Barry Oelrich, North Co-Chair; Bill Otto, Vice Chair; Jim Behrmann, Chair; Sonja Ringen, Immediate Past Chair; Dale Krupinski, North Co-Chair; and John Olachea, OSHA Region VIII Compliance Assistant Specialist and council liaison. Paula Leshinski, West Co-Chair was unable to make the photo shoot. A special thanks goes out to each and every member of our council, without all of you the council's award would not have been possible.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the January 19, 2017, meeting, our council will be conducting elections for its officers. The term for these positions is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Our council's executive committee has developed a slate of candidates. At the January 19th, meeting, these nominees should be approved/modified/disapproved at the meeting. Nominees are: Bill Otto, Chair; Bruce Sanford, Vice Chair; Liz Yellstrom, Secretary; Sonja Ringen, Immediate Past Chair; Dale Krupinski, North Co-Chair; Paula Leshinski, South Co-Chair; East Co-Chair, no nominee; Barry Oelrich, West Co-Chair; Whit Whitman, Colorado Springs Co-Chair.

The above is a list of nominees. If you would like to be considered for any one of these positions, at the January 19th please express your desired to be nominated. Nominations are encouraged.

Please note: As provided for by OSHA Directive [FAP 00-00-002](#), Field Federal Safety and Health Council Operations Manual, you must be a federal employee to be nominated.

**WHAT'S NEW AT OSHA?**

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## CHILD SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS

Every three minutes a child in the U.S. is treated for a sports-related concussion

Don't think it's just football players, or boys, who bang their heads. In sports in which girls and boys participate, girls suffer a higher percentage of concussions, according to a 2013 Game Changers report by Safe Kids Worldwide.

Click [here](#) to read the entire National Safety Council article.

**UPCOMING WEBINARS  
BY OH&S** [CLICK HERE](#)

## OSHA UPDATES SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

OSHA has updated its [Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines](#) for the first time in 30 years. The Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs are intended to aid employers, particularly those in small- and medium-sized organizations, in building a methodical approach to improving safety and health in their workplaces.

The [core elements](#) of the recommended practices are: Management Leadership, Worker Participation, Hazard Identification and Assessment, Hazard Prevention and Control, Education and Training, Program Evaluation and Improvement, Communication and Coordination for Host Employers, Contractors and Staffing Agencies

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FOR FREE** [CLICK HERE](#)

## OSHA VPP ELEMENT TWO, WORKSITE ANALYSIS

by [Brad Baptiste](#)  
OSHA Region VIII VPP Manager

In the last newsletter we discussed the importance of employee engagement and management leadership. The second element of the VPP model for workplace safety and health management systems is worksite analysis. Workplaces who want to implement a comprehensive and effective worksite analysis program should do as follows:

- Thoroughly understand all hazardous situations to which employees may be exposed and the ability to recognize and correct all hazards as they arise.

- Implement procedures to analyze significant changes in the workplace to proactively identify hazards and the means for their prevention.
- Conduct comprehensive workplace safety and health inspections and surveys, including an industrial hygiene sampling strategy.
- Use job hazard analyses or similar processes to identify and control routine workplace hazards.
- Install a system for conducting routine self-inspections with written findings and tracking of hazard elimination to completion.
- Develop a reliable system for employees, without fear of reprisal, to notify appropriate management personnel in writing about conditions that appear hazardous and to receive timely and appropriate responses.
- Ensure an accident, incident, and near-miss investigation system that seeks out root causes and includes written reports of findings along with hazard elimination is in place.
- Utilize trend analysis through a review of injury/illness experience and hazards identified through inspections, employee reports, accident investigations, OSHA logs, and/or other means, so that patterns with common causes can be identified and the causes eliminated or controlled.

A reliable worksite analysis program is a foundational component of any comprehensive and effective employee safety and health management system. When it comes to workplace hazards you have to “find them” so you can “fix them.”

**ACCIDENT VIDEOS  
REENACTMENTS** [CLICK  
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## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCESSION STANDS AT CARNIVALS AND FAIRS**

The smell of fresh spun cotton candy, the greasy fried food, and the whirling rides at our favorite carnival. Who doesn't remember the excitement of the local county fair when they were a kid? However, many people thought about the codes and standards that help ensure visitors and workers are kept safe?

NFPA 1, Fire Code, Section 10.14 provides requirements for special outdoor events, carnivals and fairs. Concession booths are a particular concern at fairs. Many contain flammable liquids, commercial cooking equipment, and are producing grease laden vapors. Often times

concession stands are crammed into one small pedestrian area, concentrating the potential hazard into a confined, high-traffic zone.

Click [here](#) to read the entire NFPA article

### **LOOKING FOR AN AREA EXPERT?**

#### OSHA'S VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM

Bruce Sanford

#### CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

Sonja Ringen

#### OFFICE ERGONOMICS

Paula Leshinski

#### ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Barry Oelrich

#### CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY (lockout/tagout), NOISE, AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE

Dale Krupinski

**CALL AN EXPERT**  
CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON  
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## **REGISTER NOW FOR REGION VIII VPPPA CONFERENCE**

by [Mark Moya](#)  
VPPPA Region VIII Chairperson

“The conference lasts three days, but the knowledge and experiences last a lifetime”

VPPPA Region VIII is proud to bring together safety and health experts from different industries that are all united in their mission to create safer environments for their peers and colleagues.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Chapter VPPPA Safety & Health Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 25th through 27th, 2017.

The Chapter Conference offers attendees a chance to acquire valuable knowledge and skills applicable to their worksite and to nurture enduring, mutually-beneficial, professional relationships.

If you want your site to be leader in safety and health, why not learn from those who have already done it? There are featured workshops on a variety of safety and health topics, including how to improve your site's safety culture, how to comply with new or existing OSHA regulations, how to get into and then thrive in VPP and ways to increase employee engagement, to name a few.

The Region VIII conference is also a great place to meet new people and make long-lasting connections with others in your industry. There are numerous opportunities for networking throughout the conference including a bingo scholarship fundraiser, receptions, meal functions, and exhibit hall breaks.

Conference Highlights include: Keni Thomas and Chad Williams as keynote speakers. Join thousands of EHS professionals at the premier safety and health event of the year, experience three days of activities, including workshops, exhibitors and numerous networking opportunities, learn about innovative safety and health products to utilize at your worksite, meet others from our region, be inspired by nationally-known keynote speakers, participate in multiple contests and win dozens of prizes, preconference workshops.

If you're looking for more in-depth educational sessions, attend a preconference workshop, held on the day prior to the start of the conference. These sessions examine a topic that's relevant to worksites of all types and allow for a greater investigation into a specific area.

Click below for information on VPPPA Region VIII or the 2017 Conference.

<http://regionviiiivpppa.org/>  
<http://regionviiiivpppa.org/category/2017-summit/>



Working in hazardous conditions? Click [here](#) to learn how to file a complaint with OSHA. Click [here](#) to read a recent case here in Region VIII

## **ARE STICK-FIGURE FAMILY CAR DECALS DANGEROUS?**

There's stick-figure dad in his military uniform, mom with a gardening pot, a boy in his football uniform, a baby girl, and a small non-guard dog. They're plastered across the back of a family minivan. These popular family decals are called cute by some. But could they be dangerous? Some police organizations are warning people to avoid the stickers, saying they give criminals information about the lives of the families they represent.

Click [here](#) to read the entire article.